

Task Force on Modern Management. In fact, they saw an earlier draft of this and made some suggestions for changes in it. These changes were for the most part not entirely adopted by the Committee, and they have seen the final version of this. I hesitate to say that the Governor approves it, but it certainly has his tacit approval.

With respect to the legislature, we took this Resolution and the memorandum to the Legislative Liaison Committee. They voted on it and approved it unanimously. I think that they had already before them a suggestion by someone else which the legislative counsel had approved to do just this, irrespective of the adoption of a new constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further questions of the Committee Chairman?

*(There was no response.)*

Is there any discussion?

Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, throughout the deliberations of the Local Government Committee from about September 13 on, we considered the concept of establishing a permanent Department of Local Affairs and it met with the unanimous approval of our Committee throughout. It answered a number of the questions which we had and we considered from the outset the advisability of establishing this commission and at this time are asking this body to urge the Governor to establish a commission. As I mentioned, we actually wanted to establish a permanent Department of Local Affairs, but at the request of the Governor, his Task Force on Modern Management is considering at this time a comprehensive reorganization of the executive branch, and it has under consideration this question. We have discussed this with Dr. Jean Spencer, who is on the Governor's Task Force and it meets with her approval as well.

At their request, we are here urging the establishment of a Commission on Local Affairs which will, among other things, advise the governor and General Assembly on the future establishment of a permanent Department on Local Affairs which will perhaps among other things, create a closer relationship between the State, counties, municipalities and local units of the government. It will conduct research and collect information and disseminate it to those local subdivisions and it will advise the counties and municipalities with regard thereto and be able to coordinate local and

state programs among others, the tax program, which has been discussed by this body and can also serve as an arbiter and assist in resolving problems between local government and particularly with regard to boundary programs.

It might also formulate programs and advise and assist with regard to the creation of multi-county cooperation and forms of multi-county governments.

I suggest that this body give this Resolution its unanimous approval as did the Committee on Local Government.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on the adoption of Resolution No. 24.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the Resolution. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 97 votes in the affirmative and none in the negative, the motion carries. The resolution is adopted.

Are there any other motions or resolutions?

The Chair hears none.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, I move the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole so that we may consider the General Orders of the Day.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: All those in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Ayes have it and it is so ordered.

*(The mace was removed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.)*

*(Whereupon, at 10:25 A.M., the Convention resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole.)*